

TREATY OF PEACE.

It is Delivered to the President by the Commission.

READY FOR THE SENATE

And Will be Submitted Immediately Upon the Reassembling of that Body After the Holiday Recess.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President McKinley this afternoon received the copy of the treaty of peace between this country and Spain in presenting the momentous document, Judge Day, president of the commission, said it represented the earnest efforts of the American representatives, and was submitted with the hope that it would redound to the peace, credit and glory of the American nation. In accepting the treaty from Judge Day the President responded with heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the commissioners as a whole, and to the members individually. He spoke of all that had been accomplished, and commented on the happy methods by which the various difficult questions had been adjusted.

The formal ceremony of delivering the treaty to President McKinley occurred in the blue room of the White House, and lasted about half an hour. The commission arrived at 4:30 this afternoon from New York, having been brought in on a special train. A great crowd of holiday excursionists filled the railroad station, and in order to avoid a jam the special was run on a side track, where the officials had an opportunity to leave the train before it entered the station.

Chief Clerk Michaels, of the state department, was present as a representative of Secretary Hay, and quite a number of officials from the various departments, as well as friends and relatives, were there to greet them. General handshaking and congratulations were indulged in, and then the members of the party were escorted to carriages and driven directly to the White House. It was noticed, as Judge Day and his associates alighted from the train, that they were unincumbered with any luggage or documents, but John Moore, late assistant secretary of state, and legal adviser of the commission, carried with him a yellow leather case. This case never left Moore's hands, and in it was the treaty of peace which the commission was bearing to the President. Commissioners Day, Reid, Davis and Freye took the first carriage, followed by Senators Gray and Moore, with the precious yellow leather case. The ladies of the party also proceeded to the White House, and joined the commissioners as they went before the President.

The first greeting was very informal, the President coming to the private vestibule which leads to the several drawing-rooms. Judge Day was the first to grasp the President's hand, and then followed personal exchanges, the President remarking the vigorous health of all the members of the commission. In the meantime Moore and his precious bag had arrived at the outer vestibule. Before going inside he removed the treaty, bound in morocco, about the size of a large encyclopedia, from the case. He was joined by Senator Gray, and together they proceeded to the private vestibule, Moore carrying the treaty under his arm. All the members of the party being present, the President led the way to the blue room.

Besides the President, Secretary Hay and the commissioners, those present were Arthur Ferguson, who, as official interpreter, had been through all the arduous labors of the commission while the Spanish and American representatives were together, the sons of Secretary Hay and Senator Gray, and several ladies of the commissioners' party. The President stood at the further end of the room, while the party was ranged around him. Taking the treaty, Judge Day addressed the President, assuring him of the satisfaction the members of the commission felt at its labors having ended in such a way as gave promise of the welfare of the country.

After the President's response, some time was spent in an informal discussion of the trip, and then all of the commissioners, except Judge Day, departed. The latter remained with the President for dinner, intending to leave, with Mrs. Day, for Canton, both being anxious to see their family after a long absence. Reid returned to New York tonight; Gray started for his home in Delaware, and Senators Freye and Davis remain at their homes in this city.

The treaty will not be made public at present, the usual courtesy extended to the Senate demanding that it should be submitted to that body before being

made public. In the meantime the document will remain in the custody of the state department, although copies will be in the hands of the President for such consideration as may be needed.

With the submission of the treaty to the President, the official existence of the commission terminated. Should there be any occasion, which is scarcely conceivable, for further negotiations not touched by the treaty, it will either be done by direct negotiation with the Madrid government, or through an entirely new commission.

The commissioners completed their work in Paris in almost exactly the time predicted by Judge Day before leaving the United States, notwithstanding there was a complete change in instructions, relating to at least most of the important subjects included in the treaty, while the commissioners were in Paris. It is expected that the treaty will be submitted to the Senate immediately after the assembling of that body, on January 4.

WARM RECEPTION.

Arrangements for Welcoming Judge Day.

A Banquet will be Tendered Him by Members of the Stark County Bar.

CANTON, Dec. 24.—[Special.]—A meeting of a large number of the members of the Stark county bar was held this evening at 7 o'clock, in court room No. 2, to arrange for a reception to Judge Wm. R. Day upon his return home. The meeting was organized by the selection of Judge McCarty as chairman and C. C. Upham as secretary. All the prominent attorneys of the city were in attendance, and it was decided by a unanimous vote that the reception should be in the nature of a banquet, given exclusively by the members of the bar. J. J. Clark, Hon. George E. Baldwin, Hon. John C. Welty, Prosecutor Pomeroy and Judge Wise were appointed an executive committee to make all arrangements for the reception and banquet. While no time has been fixed for the banquet, there was some talk of having it on January 2, as this is a legal holiday. The time, however, will be at the convenience and approval of Judge Day.

DEAD BURGLAR IDENTIFIED.

He Had Served Two Terms for Burglary and Was Wanted Again.

By Associated Press to The Independent.] QUINCY, Mass., Dec. 24.—After two days spent in running down fruitless clues as to the identity of the burglar recently found dead in the house of John Shaw, the police tonight almost feel certain that the man is Charles Hanson, of Gloucester, Mass. Word was received from the Gloucester police today that Hanson, who has served two terms for burglary, was wanted again for the same offense, had been missing for some time, and the description of the Quincy man coincided with Hanson. A local officer was sent to Gloucester tonight, and a message received from him states that four persons identified Hanson from photographs which the officer carried.

SPANISH VESSELS RAISED.

Two Fine Light Draft War Ships Added to Our Navy.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.] HONGKONG, Dec. 24.—The Isla de Cuba and the Isla de Luzon, two of the Spanish vessels sunk by Dewey at Cavite on May 1, and subsequently raised under the superintendence of Naval Constructor Capp, have safely made the voyage from Manila to Hongkong under their own steam. They will be docked here and thoroughly overhauled, and refitted. The vessels will be a valuable addition to the American fleet in Asiatic waters, and their light draft makes them very serviceable in cruising among the islands.

THE TRIAL OF MRS. MOORE.

Not Much Hope of the Jury Agreeing on a Verdict.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.] NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—At 2:00 a. m. the jury in the trial of Mrs. Fayne Strahan Moore was still out, having been occupied about fourteen hours. The recorder gave them an hour in which to agree, or the alternative of being locked up. The jury came into court several times between noon and midnight for instructions, inquiring particularly regarding the punishment which will go with conviction of robbery in the second or third degree.

A CLEVELAND MURDERER

Is Sentenced to the Penitentiary for Life.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.] CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.—Samuel Garr, the colored man from Chicago who murdered John Stephanics in Fedora's boarding house, was today sentenced to imprisonment for life.

HERE TO PROTEST.

Filippino Envoys are Now on the Way to Washington.

A SPECIAL COMMISSION.

Claim that American Officials Promised to Recognize the Independence of the Philippines.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Filipino envoys, F. Agoncillo and S. Topoz, following close on the heels of the American peace commissioners, returned to this city today, where they will remain until after Christmas. After the holidays they will go to Washington, where they will await the arrival of Juan Luna, General Reigo de Iros and Dr. T. Josada, the special commissioners sent out by Aguinaldo. The new contingent of Filipinos is expected to reach Washington via San Francisco the first of January. When Agoncillo reached quarantine he made inquiries about the American commission, and was told that they had arrived, and that the treaty of peace was in the hands of President McKinley.

"I saw a copy of it in Spanish," said Agoncillo, "and know all that concerns my country. The Spaniards gave away or sold what they did not possess, and the agreement, so far as it concerns the Philippine archipelago, is practically void."

"Are you still opposed to the annexation of the Philippines to the United States?"

"Certainly I am," he replied, "and why shouldn't I be?" "Hasn't Admiral Dewey, in his official communication, said the people of the Philippines are fitter to govern themselves than the Cubans, and he knew both races well?" Admiral Dewey's word ought to have some weight, and is it right to keep my countrymen back while you promise freedom to the people of Cuba?"

"Was your mission to Paris as fruitful as you expected?"

"I believe fairly so. Our protest against annexation is part of the record of the commission. It contains the information that Captain Wood, commander of the Petrel, Consul Pratt, in Singapore, Wildman in Hongkong, and Williams in Cavite, implored the armed co-operation of Aguinaldo and other Philippine chiefs, offering to recognize the independence of the Philippine nation as soon as they triumphed over the Spaniards. Appeals will be made to Senators Hale and Hoar to help save the Filipinos, who fought with the Americans as comrades, and I think the American people will see that justice is done us when the expansion bubble is burst. I am now waiting further instructions as to how to proceed, and they will arrive with the special commission."

THE BOOKS NOT BURNED.

Standard Oil Company Will Produce Them.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.—According to Attorney Tolles, one of the Standard Oil Company's representatives, none of the books wanted for examination under the recent decision of the supreme court of Ohio have been destroyed. Only useless books and records were burned, and the books wanted by Attorney General Monnett will be produced when the proper time comes. Owing to failure of prominent officials of the company to appear, whose testimony is especially wanted, no depositions were taken before Notary Mason today. It is probable the hearing will not be resumed before the middle of next week.

SCHOONER LOST AT SEA.

Captain and Crew Saved by a British Ship.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.] NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Captain Alfred Gunnison and crew of eight men, of the American schooner M. S. Dowling, abandoned at sea December 2, bound from Cape Haytien to Boston, arrived here today. They were taken off their sinking ship by the British steamer Hillwell, carried to Liverpool, and were brought back on the Etruria.

SPANIARDS REACH HOME.

Two Thousand Arrive at Cadiz on the Coloh.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.] CADIZ, Dec. 24.—The Spanish Transatlantic line steamer Colon, from Havana, December 10, arrived here tonight, with two thousand repatriated Spanish soldiers on board.

LAFAYETTE'S MONUMENT.

One Tablet Reserved for Daughters of Revolution.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Lafayette memorial commission has assured the national society of the Daughters of the Revolution that it will receive official recognition in securing sufficient money to make the proposed movement to the memory of Lafayette worthy the expression of this nation's gratitude. One of the four tablets will be reserved for the society to be appropriately inscribed. The national board of management therefore cordially recommends each member of the society to show her appreciation of this honor by interesting all people in her locality to contribute according to their means. They also have asked the society of Children of the Revolution, through its president general, to co-operate. All contributions are to be sent to Mrs. Robert S. Hatcher, chairman of the French-American Memorial Committee, Washington. It has been decided to issue an appeal for \$15,000 in addition to the fund already in existence and created for the purpose of presenting to France during the Paris exposition a bronze equestrian statue of George Washington.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

The United States Building Docks at Samoa.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Cincinnati arrived at Havana today, on her way north to be docked and repaired at the New York navy yard. A telegram has been received announcing the arrival of the Annapolis and Vicksburg at St. Kitts. The Scandia has reached Callao with coal for the battleships Oregon and Iowa. The latter on their arrival there will receive instructions which will determine their further course. They may go to Honolulu, or directly to the Philippines. The Abaranda is now at Norfolk, where she will be fitted out for a cruise to Samoa, carrying coal and the necessary material for building docks and fixtures for the new coaling station to be built at Pago. It will be several weeks before she will leave the United States.

COMMANDERS ASSIGNED.

All the Cuban Provinces Now Provided For.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Major General John C. Bates has been ordered to assume command of the new military department at Cienfuegos, Cuba, on the first day of January. Brigadier General Sanger, of the inspector general's department will be temporarily assigned to the command of the military department at Matanzas. These two assignments complete the details for the government of the various military departments in Cuba, the supreme command of the island having been assigned to Major General Brooke, who is now enroute to Havana to superintend matters pertaining to the formal surrender of the territory to the United States, January 1.

PEACEFUL IN PINAR DEL RIO.

The Inhabitants of the Province are Hard at Work.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—The reconstruction of the great tobacco and sugar producing province of Pinar del Rio has been begun. Absolute peace prevails in the province, and the people are working industriously. Before General Davis left Havana he was told that brigands would overrun the province; that petty dictators were taxing the villagers, that the insurgents occupied the towns and would not yield to the authority of the Americans, and that he would be infinitely annoyed in a hundred ways. He has found the contrary to be true in almost every respect, and the inhabitants are anxious to settle down to peaceful pursuits after the years of turmoil.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

A Victim of the Disease Landed in England.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 24.—On arrival here tonight the British steamer Goldonga, bound from Calcutta to London, reported a case of bubonic plague on board. The patient was landed here and has been isolated. Every precaution will be taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

BOUND FOR HOME.

Spanish Warship Bearing the Remains of Columbus.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

BERMUDA, Dec. 24.—Two Spanish warships, bound from Havana to Spain, the Infanta Isabel and the Conde Venaditi, arrived here this morning, and are taking on coal and provisions. The latter vessel is conveying the ashes of Columbus to Spain.

AGRARIANS' GREED

The Cause of Trouble Between Germany and the United States.

THE FRANK KNAAK CASE.

The Disciplining of Dr. Delbruck is Violently Opposed by the University Professors and Many of the Leading Papers.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—One of the leading subjects discussed in the newspapers throughout the week was the present and future relations between Germany and the United States, more particularly the commercial side of the question. The correspondent of the Associated Press interviewed a high German official, one with exceptional sources of information, who said "The reports of the press in both countries on this subject are lamentably inexact. In Washington they may be said to have jumped at the conclusion that Germany is on the point of legislating specifically against American agricultural products, and they are taking the bull by the horns to forestall us. The fact is, there is no such intention here. The meat inspection bill is the only one which has reached the bunsenstove—the first legislative stage. Then it goes to the reichstag, so that it will probably not pass, if at all, until the end of the session next spring. United States Ambassador White has unconditional assurances that one of the integral features of the bill will be the abolition of the local inspection of American meat, of which Americans have complained. The bill provides for the strict inspection, perfectly fair, and applied equally to domestic as to foreign meats."

Officials of the United States embassy generally express the opinion that the government sincerely desires to improve its relations with the United States and see indications pointing to a successful issue of these efforts, though bills introduced simultaneously in the House and Senate at Washington, foreshadowing retaliation, have been received here with a great show of indignation by the government and press, while the liberal, and especially commercial papers, unanimously express fears that legislative action on both sides will culminate in a tariff war.

The Vorwarts says "Greed of Agrarians disturbed our relations with America for years. Under the pretext of protecting the health of the German people, the importation of American products has been prevented, in spite of treaties." Continuing, the Vorwarts demonstrates that German exports of sugars, textiles and wines to the United States are worth eighteen million marks, and says that as she is financially the weaker of the two, Germany will undoubtedly be the loser. But the Agrarians ignore this, and provided the enhanced food prices flow into their pockets they snap their fingers at the hungry masses.

The Agrarians are jubilant over the prospects of a tariff war, which has been their chief aim for years. Numerous insulting articles have been published in their newspapers deriding the United States. The Kreuz Zeitung even throws mud at the American people on account of the recent war with Spain and its results, calling the American soldiers utterly inefficient and saying that the government is rotten to the core. These venomous utterances however, are exceptions, the majority of the papers discussing the question fairly.

The German cabinet at recent meetings discussed the question of imports of Russian petroleum, and it is said, from a reliable source, intend to increase the test points and thus exclude inferior grades of the American product, provided the Russian government grants an equivalent.

The result of the trial of Frank Knaak, of New York, acquitted of a charge of referring to Emperor William as a blockhead, on the ground that he was in no condition to realize his offense, came as a great surprise, even to the consul for the defense, as testimony precisely similar to that offered, in other cases ended in conviction. The presiding judge, Herr Denso, convicted R. F. Kneeb, the American horseman charged with working in a "ringer" on the German turf, and sentenced him to nine months' imprisonment. Judge Denso is considered very severe, and his leniency to Knaak, it is believed, is due to a hint from the Emperor that his acquittal, if legally possible, would be appreciated both by his majesty and the government, in view of the delicate relations existing between Germany and the United States.

Dr. Bosse, minister of education, evoked a chorus of condemnation from all sides by ordering disciplinary proceedings at Berlin university against Dr. Delbruck for the latter's scathing criticism of the expulsion of the Danes from the schools of the north in public writings. Dr. Delbruck has since received uproarious ovations from students in the lecture halls. The Munich Allgemeine Zeitung, otherwise in complete harmony with the government, expresses the general feeling of detestation of the government's interference saying: "We are indignant, not because we agree with the professor's view of the evictions, but because German universities must remain the guardians of free speech. Even in times of wildest reaction, truth, and love of truth, have found in German universities their city of refuge, and whoever tries to drive them out with a police bludgeon deserves unconsecrated ground." The professors of the university intend to issue a vehement and unanimous protest against Dr. Bosse's action.

Dr. Delbruck belongs to the conservative party. The Crown Prince Frederick entertained him with the instruction of Prince Walmar, and he received the unprecedented honor, after the battle of Gravelotte, of being called out of the ranks and created an officer on the field of battle.

IN THE INTEREST OF SCIENCE.

Well Known Specialists Start for Yucatan.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Allison V. Armour, of Chicago, and Dr. Chas. F. Millspaugh, curator of the botanical department of the Field Columbian museum, and botanical lecturer at the University of Chicago, accompanied by a party of friends left here today on Armour's auxiliary steam yacht, Utowana, to visit Yucatan, to collect botanical specimens. Three years ago Armour made a similar tour to Yucatan and Dr. Millspaugh was his guest. Rich botanical collections were secured for the Field Columbian museum. Millspaugh also secured material for publications on the flora of the coast and plain regions.

BIG POTTERY COMBINE.

Only Four East Liverpool Plants Remain Outside.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Dec. 24.—Colonel John N. Tayler, the reputed head of the pottery trust, who arrived here tonight, stated that the trust will take possession of all its plants between January 1 and 10. The American China Company, of Toronto, Akron China Company and Goodwin Pottery Company, of this city, will be absorbed by the trust. The Harker, Laughlin and United States Pottery Companies, of this city, have also joined the combine, leaving only four local concerns outside.

SURGEON HAMILTON DEAD.

Superintendent of Illinois Hospital for the Insane.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Dr. John B. Hamilton, ex-surgeon general of the United States marine hospital service, died at Elgin, Ill., tonight. For over a year he had been superintendent of the state asylum for the insane at Elgin.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Death of a Distinguished Wisconsin Lawyer.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

ZANESVILLE, Dec. 24.—Ithamiah Sloan, a distinguished lawyer, congressman, attorney-general of the state, and dean of the law school of the university of Wisconsin, was found dead in his bed this morning. He was a member of the committee on military affairs in Congress during Lincoln's administration. He was 76 years old.

WARSHIP GOES TO BRAZIL.

The Gunboat Wilmington will Ascend the Orinoco.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The United States gunboat Wilmington today sailed from Norfolk. She will touch first at San Juan, Porto Rico, and from there will go to the northern coast of Brazil, where she will enter the mouth of the Orinoco river—the first American war vessel sent there in many years.

COTTON FACTORIES CLOSED.

Three Thousand Operators Out of Employment.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—The Augusta and Enterprise cotton factories closed indefinitely this afternoon, adding three thousand more to the unemployed of the city. Five weeks ago the Southern Manufacturers' Association reduced the wages of seven hundred operatives. Those of the Kign & Sibley mills and Langley & Bath, in South Carolina, refused to accept the cut. These mills were compelled to close, in order to force the striking operatives of other mills to return to work.

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MONDAY DECEMBER 26, 1898.

After all there is no holiday, no festival like Christmas, with its cheer, hospitality and good-will. Long may it live, and may the Christmas spirit return each year to put joy and the love of giving into the hearts of men.

Although Lieutenant Hobson has telegraphed the navy department that the newspaper accounts of his performances in the kissing line have been greatly exaggerated, the question remains unsettled as to whether the press of the country has been doing the hero of the Merimac a hideous injustice, or whether he requires the immediate attention of his friends and the shelter of a sanitarium.

The desire of France to extend her extra-territorial jurisdiction at Shanghai is likely to cause friction between that government and the United States on account of the fact that the attempt of the French authorities contemplates encroachment on the extra-territorial territory subject to the jurisdiction of this country. France is likely to have her hands full if she undertakes to tread on the toes of Uncle Sam before she has fairly settled her disagreement with Great Britain.

The present session of Congress has broken all previous records in the matter of disposing of appropriation bills before the holiday recess in the short session. When the House adjourned on Thursday it had passed the urgency deficiency bill, making appropriations for the army and navy in the last half of this fiscal year; the pension bill; the District of Columbia bill, the Indian bill and the Agricultural bill. The only record nearly approaching this was that of the Fifty-third Congress, which before the holiday recess, four years ago, sent four appropriation bills to the Senate.

Americans who contemplate doing business with the Chinese, not only in China, but in the Philippine islands, where they are the controlling factors, will have to bear in mind the fact that, trade unionism of a certain character prevails among them. These unions or guilds, as they are called, are much more dictatorial than those in the United States, which, however powerful and influential, will sometimes listen to argument. The Chinese guilds have no recognized head or place of meeting, but their decrees are circulated by word of mouth, and a refusal to comply with their customary conditions would result in a complete boycott of the obstructionist.

Massillonians who have been laboring under the delusion that they were no more wicked than most people will be somewhat startled to read, that according to Captain Lillian Stephenson's way of thinking, they are living in one of the wickedest corners of the earth. Captain Stephenson certainly takes a gloomy view of the spiritual and moral condition of her adopted countrymen, and particularly of her adopted townspeople, but considering her opinion of the sinful condition of the whole world, this feeling regarding her immediate surroundings is hardly to be wondered at. What is to be wondered at, however, is that after once having heard the doctrines of the Salvation Army expounded in the charming English voice and perfect enunciation of Captain Stephenson, every sinner on the "mourner's bench" does not return again and again until the desire to turn from his evil ways becomes a fixed and ending sentiment.

One reason for the determination of the President not to assert formal control in the Philippines until after the Spanish troops have sailed for home is that General Otis is now engaged in conducting delicate negotiations with Aguinaldo for the disbandment of the Filipino army, and it is desired that this business shall be concluded before the establishment of an American government in the entire archipelago. When the American authorities assume control formally and officially, there can be no further negotiations with Aguinaldo. He will be compelled to submit to a demand to have his followers lay down their arms and take up their ordinary avocations. It is now understood that the President intends to put the Filipinos on probation for a year. Their conduct and their ability to understand the principles of a free government will determine in a large measure what concessions or restrictions will be provided in the future administration of the islands. As in Cuba and Porto Rico, the system of municipal government will be changed as little as possible, and the people will have a large share in determining who shall be their local rulers.

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RATCHFORD IS RELIEVED

Sees No Misrepresentation in The Independent.

INTERVIEW CORRECTLY PRINTED.

Mr. Ratchford Comes Across a Special in an Indianapolis Paper which Falls to State all the Facts—Is Worried till he Reads an Independent.

M. D. Ratchford, president of the United Mine Workers of America, returned from Indianapolis today. While in Indianapolis, Mr. Ratchford noticed a special in one of the papers published in that city in which he was quoted as saying that the miners were prepared to make concessions to the operators, without making any explanation of the nature of these concessions.

This special was not sent out by anyone connected with this paper. The phraseology of the dispatch was in some respects the same as a paragraph which appeared in this paper, being brought to the form in which Mr. Ratchford saw it by the omission of some sentences and words and the addition of other words. "I am very much relieved," said Mr. Ratchford, after he had read the interview which recently appeared in this paper. "There is no misrepresentation here. The only concession referred to here is that the miners will be ready to accept a readjustment of the mining rate if the institution of the run-of-mine system is secured. This I said, and I say it yet. It would be unreasonable for us to ask that the present mining rate be maintained under the run-of-mine system. We will make a united stand for the gross weight system, and to meet changed conditions we will be prepared to readjust the mining rate, but beyond this we will make no concessions. This is precisely what was printed in THE INDEPENDENT last Tuesday.

NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS.

CRYSTAL SPRING BUDGET.

CRYSTAL SPRING, Dec. 24.—Our schools closed Friday. The pupils will have a week's vacation. Richard Smith and Miss Kate Rohr were married on Thursday.

The Tuscarawas river is again on a rampage, and residents living near its banks are put to much inconvenience. Fred Bremkamp, who usually greets the rise of that stream with a smile, captured a water pail full of mice and ground moles the other day. They had been forced to leave their nests on account of the water.

John Fassbaugh, the venerable but proficient director of the Crystal Spring Orchestra, has severed his connection with that organization.

The steam shovel at the gravel pit has shut down, and it will not be put in operation again until next spring.

Now that Mr. Mitchell is still in the race, the Newman correspondent can rest assured that he is a true prophet.

Daniel Bausher, who recently sold his property because he and his wife held different opinions on many things, has accepted a lucrative offer from the proprietor of a large summer resort near Lansing, Mich. Mr. Bausher will leave within a few days to enter upon his new duties, while his wife will be left behind to care for herself.

The warm weather seems to have a bad effect on the coal mines, as they were operated only several days this week.

The muddy condition of the roads is nothing in comparison with the hill at the Bridgeport mine. This hill, which is quite long, is too narrow for two buggies to pass, and should this be attempted a serious accident could not be averted. On both sides of this narrow road is a ditch deep enough when filled with water to float a canal boat. Over a year ago a petition was presented to the county commissioners asking them to repair it, and during every campaign the candidate for re-election would come and look at the job and make nice promises, but that is all there was to it, and the highway remains unchanged. One of the commissioners also said that he could get the M. & C. railroad raised at the crossing in town, but as he was not wanted a third term the residents do not look for its completion.

The population of the town assembled at the station Friday night to witness the departure of Charles Palmer, who left for Omaha, Neb., to join the Twenty-second United States infantry, in which regiment he enlisted at Wooster. Our brass band gave the soldier a pleasant serenade at the station, and he was prevailed upon to make a speech.

MR. BAICHEY'S CONDITION.

CANAL FULTON, Dec. 24.—The Rev. A. E. Baichey, pastor of the Reformed church of this place, is now out of danger. A week ago he was taken suddenly ill with lagrippe. His condition was very serious for a time, but his recovery is now assured.

PRIVATE STURGIS COMES HOME.

DALTON, Dec. 24.—Private Sturgis, Battery F, Third United States artillery, is visiting in this city. He has just returned from Porto Rico, being now on furlough. Private Sturgis fought in the last battle that took place on Cuban soil, in which he sustained slight injuries by being thrown into a ditch by the force of an explosion.

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CHIEF OF POLICE.

Reasons Given for Abolishing the Office of City Marshal.

THE OFFICE A SINECURE.

But Little Incentive for Policemen to be Energetic When the Marshal Pockets the Lion's Share of the Fees.

To the Editor of THE INDEPENDENT:

An article in your last Sunday morning issue under the caption, "A Chief of Police," seems to be timely, although the various views given by the several persons quoted in the article referred to, do not, it seems to me, give the best expression of the desirability for making a change, such as is doubtless contemplated by the law passed by our legislature last winter. Granted the views quoted are correct, but to my way of viewing the subject, the saving of several hundred dollars each year is important, yet the efficiency of the force of policemen is the real, vital point to be considered. Upon inquiry and examination of the law, I find that, under the statute the marshal is "ex officio" chief of police, is accorded the power of a constable, that he is defined to be the ministerial officer of the mayor's court, to serve processes issued by the mayor—but, upon a careful examination of the statute, I do not find that the marshal is under any particular obligation sufficiently binding to compel him to accept or exercise responsibility outside of the nominal duties imposed by the statute; and in view of this fact, and the further fact that the marshal, being an elective officer, and usually looking for a second term, is too often liable to follow the policy of "do nothing and make no enemies," with the result that the salary paid by the city is practically of the nature of a donation; for if the fees approximate the figures given in your article, it is difficult for even a casual investigator to see where the real service to earn these fees is performed by a marshal under existing conditions, for I am quite fully informed that perhaps the greater portion of the fees collected and inuring to the benefit of the marshal are earned by the members of the police force, a condition very evidently requiring a remedy.

While even casual inquiry of policemen is met with evasive or non-committal replies, yet enough of the truth is apparent to show conclusively that this is a condition which most very naturally impairs the efficiency of the policemen, for it is rather too much to expect that the capable and energetic officer should devote time and energies to the proper development of "cases" of felonies and other important crimes committed in our midst, and that, too, probably, after having performed his regular turn of night patrol, using days, and perhaps for the development of evidence, to follow clues, and in fact employ the degree of energy and tact so often necessary to a successful issue, to employ weeks, using time for which the city does not compensate him, only to find that after all his labor, tact, skill and patience, that if the criminal is arrested and brought to justice by him, he is, under present conditions, entitled to the magnificent sum of sixty cents, and even if the accused enters a plea of guilty or waives an examination by the mayor, the fees of the marshal may range from the minimum of one dollar and sixty cents to five dollars and sixty cents or even more.

It is difficult to see, under this condition of things, why policemen are not nearly as efficient as they ought to be, or would be if capable and just conditions existed—such conditions as could be a proper ordinance be created? Perhaps the question may be asked why or how would the contemplated change be a remedy for the present evils complained of? Let us examine the subject from the standpoint of facts.

A chief would be subject to appointment by the mayor and confirmation by the council. The mayor would make such appointment from the most efficient available persons, the council being a wholesome check on an unwise or injudicious nomination, and in this way a suitable, capable citizen would be likely to be chosen, as is evidenced by the list of appointments to serve on the various commissions and boards of the city—appointments made by the mayor. On the other hand, experience in the past proves fully to the most casual observer that the election of officers in municipal corporations do not, in a majority of cases, insure the election of the most suitable persons, for who among us does not know the means which, under conditions existing in our towns and cities, must be employed, as a rule, to secure election to a municipal office, especially if the officer to be elected is to be charged with the administration or enforcement of law. And this constitutes a most powerful reason why, as a rule, intelligent, self-respecting citizens decline to go into a contest against the active influences which have to be met, I am sorry to say, in our villages and cities.

Again, while I hasten to close this already long communication, I wish to say that a chief of police would, under such an ordinance as would doubtless be passed, be associated with the police force; his interests, as an officer, would be identical with the other officers, so far as responsibility is concerned, and

thus the efficiency of the entire force would be enhanced, for the successful operations of the police would, as a result, inure to the benefit of the city, the chief, and the men under his direction.

Yours for this reform,

M. O. T.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Board of Elections Has No Authority in the County.

At Cleveland, Friday afternoon, the circuit court judges handed down a decision in the quo warranto proceedings against the county board of elections which may hereafter revolutionize the appointment of members throughout the state. The judges held that the board of elections has no jurisdiction throughout the county, thus limiting the authority to the city. This decision, if sustained by the supreme court, to which the case will be submitted, will give the mayor authority to make appointments instead of the secretary of state, and will necessitate the removal from the board of members who are non-residents of the county seat.

One feature of the decision that was displeasing to the members of the board was the fact that it reduced their salaries. Since last spring they have been receiving \$1,000 per year from the city and \$500 per year from the county. The decision of the court that the board has no jurisdiction throughout the county, it was said, would deprive the members of the board of the salaries from the county. Secretary Horn has been receiving \$2,400 a year from the city and \$600 from the county. By the finding of the court his salary will be reduced \$600 a year.

Secretary Horn, of Cuyahoga county, said yesterday afternoon that the decision left the members of the board in doubt as to the manner in which the elections throughout the county were to be conducted in the future.

"The decision puts us back to the law of 1890," said he, "which provides that the secretary of state shall appoint deputy state supervisors of election to take charge of the elections in the county. That law, however, did not apply to counties containing cities of the first class, such as Cleveland. Then how are the elections in the townships to be conducted? It may be that in the county we will be compelled to return to the old method of having the township trustees and township clerk conduct the elections and report to the county clerk. Or the secretary of state may appoint four deputy state supervisors of election, who shall receive two dollars a day for not more than thirty days in the year. These supervisors must elect a clerk, who shall receive a salary not exceeding \$100 a year.

"Here is another feature of the decision that will displease the country people. The board of elections has been paying the township election officers \$5 a day for their services of election day, but under the law of 1890 they are entitled to only \$3 a day."

Secretary Horn said that under the decision the Democratic mayors of Mansfield and Canton could immediately appoint election boards for those cities, as the law which was held unconstitutional by the circuit court excepted Mansfield and Canton.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

RUTH JONES.

NORTH LAWRENCE, Dec. 24.—The funeral services over the body of the late Ruth Jones will be held this afternoon. Miss Jones was 20 years of age, and was the daughter of Benjamin Jones, one of the best known miners of the Massillon district. She had been a sufferer for years with stomach trouble, but the disease which caused her death was pneumonia, her illness being of but a few days' duration.

MARGARET MAY HELD.

Margaret May Held, the nine months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Held, of West Brookfield, died on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The funeral will be held from the residence on Friday at 12:30 p. m., the Rev. N. Moffit officiating.

NELLIE DECKER.

Nellie Decker, aged 3 years, died at the home of her parents at 54 State street, this morning, of inflammation of the stomach. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

May Adopt a New Rule.

County Commissioner Sumner says the board of commissioners is considering the matter of establishing a new rule in the matter of pay-in orders. At present many of these orders are presented unaccompanied by a bill of particulars, and for that reason neither the commissioners nor the auditor can tell what the money was paid in for. He says this is particularly the case in the pay-in orders received from justices of the peace and mayors of corporations. In these the only statement made for the benefit of the commissioners and the auditor is that the money is for fines collected and they have no way of telling who paid the fines. Commissioner Sumner and Auditor Reed talked the matter over of establishing a rule that every such order must be accompanied by a bill of particulars setting forth in detail for what and from whom the money was received, and it is likely that the matter will be determined at the next meeting of the commissioners.

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Reed & Company's Bottle Works Growing From Year to Year.

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Few Massillonians realize that Reed & Company, of this city, manufacture more beer bottles than any other manufacturing concern in the country. There are larger factories perhaps, but with regard to this particular ware Reed & Company lead. The ware is also superior in quality to that manufactured elsewhere, consumers claiming it to be better for pasteurizing beer than any on the market. This is due to the methods employed in preparing the material and tempering, which differs from those generally in use. Reed & Company have also the distinction of having furnished the bottles which were filled with beer and shipped to the United States soldiers at Manila by Milwaukee brewers. The firm and its ware have an enviable reputation throughout the bottle consuming territories, both within and outside of the United States, and yearly the demand becomes greater. This season the capacity of the plant is 100,000 gross of bottles, an increase of over twenty-five per cent. compared with the output of the preceding year. During the summer months factory No. 1 was enlarged and since work began, September 12, night and day forces have been engaged continuously at both factories Nos. 1 and 2, and at present there are 255 persons on the pay roll. The force will be increased by fifty about February 1, when work is to begin in factory No. 3, which is now nearing completion.

The plant was first operated in 1881, under the management of C. W. Reed, and at that time but one factory existed, with seventy-five names on the pay roll, and a capacity of 20,000 gross. In 1883 the present management of Joseph S. Reed and David Reed, became sole owners of the plant, and in the course of time factory No. 2 was erected and the business of the firm has increased steadily until the present status was reached.

Until the present year, the business of the company has been confined entirely to the United States, but now extensive shipments are being made to Mexico. The first order ever secured by the company's agent, Lawrence Stoehr, during his visit to Mexico in August last, was for seventy-five cars, 36,000 bottles being loaded to the car. The firm is furnishing most of the largest breweries in the United States a large proportion of their bottles, and until the present season the capacity of the plant would not permit the acceptance of outside orders, although frequent requests were received. Factory No. 3 will be in operation by February 1, and producer gas, like that now used in the other factories, will be applied for fuel, unless the company can make satisfactory arrangements with the East Ohio Gas Company.

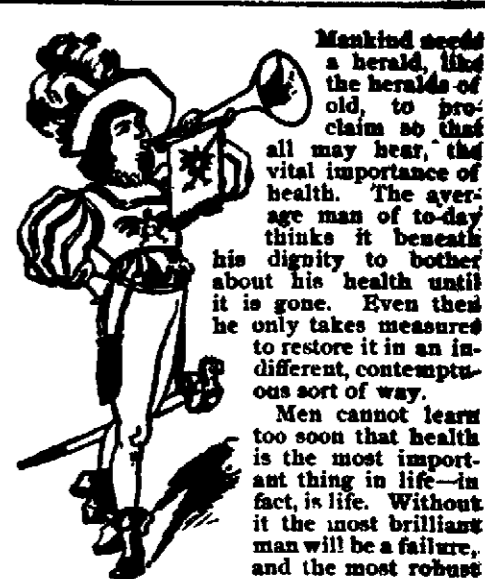
Seventy-two blowers are now employed and an addition of eighteen will be required when the new factory is in working order. A blower's working day is eight and one-half hours, and the season lasts from September until June 30. A good blower can turn out, on an average, about fifty dozen bottles daily, and the average earnings are \$150 each month.

Of this sum, \$20 is allowed them each week for market money and the balance is retained by the company until the end of the season. They are permitted, however, to draw extra amounts at any time. Tuesday of each week is the company's pay day and with the exception of the blowers' all other employees are paid in full. An apprentice is compelled to blow five years before receiving full pay, but after the first season, but a small percentage of his earnings are retained. Apprentices are governed by the blowers' organization and the company is permitted to employ but one to every fifteen journeymen each year. These are selected from the help and the service before one becomes a full-fledged blower is practically from eight to ten years. The company's prospects for next season are exceptionally bright and the output gives promise of being even greater than that of the present season, which will be, approximately, 14,400,000 bottles, and the largest in the history of the firm.

A Winter Pleasure Resort.

On Tuesday the board of commissioners of Youngstown cancelled their contract with the officials of the Stark county workhouse, and hereafter will send prisoners to the Cleveland workhouse. One of the causes leading to this change is given by the Youngstown Telegram: "It is a well known fact that the Canton workhouse is considered by those who have visited it as a sort of a winter resort, where but little work is expected of the prisoners. In consequence a term in that institution is not a great hardship. In the Cleveland workhouse it's far different. There the prisoners must work, and work hard, too, and it is safe to say that few desire to spend the winter there."

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NEWS FROM CANTON.

Important Happenings in and About the Court House.

VETERAN GARRED BATES DEAD.

Expired in Great Agony at His Home Thursday Night—Boston Lyric Opera Company's Property Attached—A Jury's Verdict for Twenty Cents.

CANTON, Dec. 22.—Garred L. Bates, an aged and well known citizen of Canton, was fatally burned at his residence, No. 1400 High street, this morning. Mr. Bates was attempting to kindle a fire with carbon oil, and the can exploded. Immediately he was enveloped with flames. He fought desperately, and finally ran into the yard and leaped into a barrel which was filled with water. He was scarcely able to stand, and would have drowned but for the timely arrival of several neighbors. Mr. Bates' body was covered with burns, and at places the flesh was cooked. The attending physician says he cannot recover. Mr. Bates was 72 years of age, and is a veteran of the civil war. For several years he has sold almanacs about the court house.

CANTON, Dec. 23.—Garred L. Bates, an aged resident who was terribly burned Thursday morning as the result of an attempt to kindle a fire with kerosene, died in great agony Thursday evening. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Mr. Bates' entire body was burned, and there was no possible chance for his recovery. He was 72 years of age.

Canton's free mail delivery system to rural districts will begin on Monday. Special Examiner Blockman has been in the city for two weeks arranging matters, and Aaron Bressler, Captain Frank Williams, M. Harding and John Lutz have been appointed carriers. Under the new system mail will be delivered free to farmers within a radius of about seven miles.

Byron Brumbaugh has petitioned the court for judgment against Nikolaus Egger in the sum of \$2,476.88, alleged to be due on a promissory note. Payment is secured by mortgage on real estate in Marlboro township and foreclosure is desired. Mr. Brumbaugh says that John Hahlan, J. W. Pontius, Elizabeth Egger, H. W. Loeffler and W. W. Smith claim an interest in the property, and he desires that they be required to answer.

A final account has been filed in the estate of Nellie Young, of Massillon. The guardians of George Nicklas, of Sugar Creek township, and Adella O. Bair, of Alliance, have filed final accounts. Inventory has been filed by the guardian of Leroy Hollinger, of Massillon. Private sale of real estate has been ordered in the assignment of Frank Eckroate, of Bethlehem township.

Mary Barleyoung was removed from the county infirmary today to the Massillon state hospital. Sheriff Zaiser also delivered Anna Goodzinski, of Navarre, at the institution this afternoon. Anna Goodzinski was adjudged insane by Judge Wise Wednesday.

The first partial account has been filed in the estate of Isaac B. Dangier, of Massillon. Inventory, appraisal and sale bill have been filed in the estate of Elizabeth Hair, of Bethlehem township. Jacob Kuebler has been appointed executor of the estate of James A. Kuhn, of Massillon. The widow of Martin Ubrich, of Canton, accepts the provisions of the will.

The property owned by J. W. Twigg, of Beach City, was sold by the Sheriff at the court house today for \$267. The Oleson property, of Massillon, was offered for sale but there were no bidders.

Washington council, No. 12, Jr. O. U. A. M. will celebrate its eleventh anniversary on Thursday night, January 12. A reception will also be tendered on this occasion to the members of the council who served in the Spanish-American war.

Marriage licenses have been granted to Reuben A. Bair and Mary E. Roush, of Marlboro, and Joseph K. Bye and Fannie F. Harvey, of Canton.

DRAKE BROTHERS LEAVE. Not Even Their Creditors Know Where They Are.

Frank Drake, the alleged crack bowler and bicyclist, and his brother, Albert Drake, have mysteriously disappeared. They left a board bill of \$26 at the Home hotel. They also failed to pay Mrs. Groenou \$5 for room rent, and there are numerous other little obligations here and there. The Drakes took all their belongings with them. Both were employed at the state hospital.

Road May Not Be Extended.

According to the Wooster Republican, a deal is now on that may affect the extension of the Camp road, now built from near Applecreek to the coal territory in the vicinity of West Lebanon. "It is stated on good authority that the mysterious surveying corps which was here two weeks ago and spent a week between here and Lodi, was in the employ of the B. & O. and was taking levels and grades for the purpose of figuring on putting down an extra track between Lodi and Millersburg. The main object in doing this, so it is claimed, is to strike off near Shreve and pass under the Pennsylvania road and then utilize the Camp line to Chicago Junction, extending the Camp road to Ashland and then to the main line. It is asserted that this will be done if the Camp road is not extended to the coal fields in southeastern Wayne county and will mean the loss of this road to that section of Wayne county if there is not some definite action soon in securing right of way for Mr. Camp."

Every family should have its household medicine chest—and the first bottle in it should be Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Nature's remedy for colds.

SECURED ALIMONY.

Mrs. Amelia Hayes Again Scores a Legal Victory.

The proceedings for alimony begun by Amelia Hayes against Oliver Hayes, of Massillon, were amicably settled out of court, Saturday night. Lawyers Williams & Day repr sented the plaintiff and Eggert & McLaughlin the defendant. Mrs. Hayes was granted a divorce from her husband about ten days ago, by Judge McCarty, on the grounds of gross neglect. Proceedings for alimony were instituted Thursday.

PATENT AND PATENTEE

News Concerning Local Inventors and Inventions.

ALBRECHT HOLDS OUT FOR \$100,000

Will Not Give the Right to Manufacture His Iron Railway Tie for a Cent Less—L. D. Ralston and His Plans for His Railway Crossing Gate.

John Albrecht, who resides just west of this city, has not yet sold the right to manufacture and use his patented iron railway tie because he will not accept a cent less than \$100,000. Representatives of various railway companies, including the Lake Shore, have called on Mr. Albrecht within the past few weeks, but the patentee refuses to consider any propositions which do not provide for the payment of the price he has set. J. L. Smith, of Massillon, helped Mr. Albrecht to make his models, and he is very familiar with all matters pertaining to the tie and its sale.

"If Mr. Albrecht," said Mr. Smith today, "would only bring his price down a notch or two, I think he would get the thing off his hands in a day. A price of \$50,000 would sell the tie, in fact, many of the companies seem willing to pay that amount, but Mr. Albrecht wants \$100,000 or nothing."

A PATENTED RAILWAY GATE. L. D. Ralston, of North Lawrence, is in Massillon today. Mr. Ralston is the patentee of an automatic railway gate. This gate drops and rises with the coming and going of trains, the apparatus which operates it being ingeniously connected to the rails. The weight of the trains is the power which sets the machinery going. Indications are at present that the B. & O. Company will take the gate on trial, though the matter is not settled. Mr. Ralston says that if the Pennsylvania Company becomes interested in the invention, the test may be made in Massillon. Each set of gates will do the work of two men.

HIS FIRST REPORT.

Superintendent Richardson Files It at Columbus.

The board of trustees of the Massillon state hospital submitted their sixth annual report to Governor Bushnell on Wednesday.

In the opening paragraph the report speaks of the selection of Dr. A. B. Richardson as superintendent of the institution. The doctor entered upon his duties May 1, 1898, leaving the position as superintendent of the Columbus state hospital at the same time. The formal opening of the new institution was held Oct. 14, and was attended by Governor Bushnell and other state officials.

The erection of a number of buildings, one being a residence for the superintendent, caused some little legal quibbling, but this has all been settled and the same will be completed by early spring. They report their failure to secure a road to the institution, with a good deal of regret, saying every effort was made to secure the desired end.

The report closed with a statement of the contracts awarded for various kinds of work during the year.

The first report of Superintendent Richardson was appended. He starts out by enumerating the things that had to be done before the work could be carried on successfully. Among them were: The building of walks, the completion of a sewerage system, the installation of electrical appliances and the erection of a cold-storage plant which was in addition to the general improvements incidental to the opening of an institution of that magnitude. He goes into details of the sewerage plan, showing that the bed constructed is capable of filtering the sewage of 1000 people, while they have never had more than 400 inmates. The total cost of this system was \$10,789.37. He speaks also of the water supply, saying it is of the best and backs his statement by the analysis of Secretary Probst of the state board of health, which indicates a deep well of high organic purity. The cold-storage system is also treated of and its efficiency commended to the board.

The financial statement shows: Current expenses, \$36,000; salaries, \$10,000; for furnishing, \$30,000; construction, \$120,000; railroad switch, \$6000.

WISCONSIN RAILWAY SOLD.

The Toledo & Ann Arbor Secures a Valuable Feeder.

[By Associated Press to The Independent] MARINETTE, Wis., Dec. 25.—The Wisconsin & Michigan railway, sixty miles long, has been sold to the Toledo & Ann Arbor railway, and will be extended six miles to connect it with the Holmes & Son's logging railway, which extends forty miles northwesterly from the Pembine. The Holmes road was extended to tap the big tract of pine in Forest and Vilas counties, estimated at one billion feet.

A lazy liver makes a lazy man. Burdock Blood Bitters is the natural, never failing remedy for a lazy liver.

MINING NOTES.

Items of Interest from the Coal Trade Journal.

The Magnolia Coal Company has been incorporated in Ohio, to develop three thousand acres of coal land in Tuscarawas county.

The Bridgeport, O., mines worked about one-third time this year, owing to the fact that their market in the lake trade has been taken by West Virginia coal producers.

All Wall Street seems to feel sure that there is on foot a comprehensive movement looking to the arrangement of coal trade difficulties, so that profits hereafter will be shown where there has been a long record of losses.

James S. Strabley, of Salineville, has written Mine Inspector Haseltine to send him fifteen miners. He says all the mines in his district are running full time and there are no unemployed men. He is arranging to increase his output, but cannot get miners there.

It is evident that Pittsburg is losing the grips she has had on the coal trade of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and West Virginia is wresting it from her, while on the lower Mississippi the coal from Alabama is quietly but surely superseding the Pittsburg article at New Orleans and at other places reached by tributaries of the Father of Waters.

The Knoxville promoters of the Black Diamond railroad scheme have received word that the English engineer sent to this country by a British financial syndicate, would recommend the building of the road by the syndicate. The road will extend from Port Royal, S. C., to Columbus, penetrating all the coal fields of Tennessee and Kentucky. It will be 822 miles long, double track, and estimated to cost \$40,000,000.

The river trade of the Pittsburg district, so far as it relates to the outer markets, is in bad shape. Pittsburg coal during the past week has sold higher in the home market than at Cincinnati. This fact is causing some hard thinking, and some of the firms that have never entered the local market are preparing to do so. The fact that mine-run coal is chiefly in demand for the local trade is favorable to the miners in their announced demand for a mine-run base, for which they wrangled last year.

Our exports do not grow so rapidly as we might imagine from the reports printed in the daily press from time to time. By the latest official statements, for the month of October, it appears that we sent 426,000 tons abroad that month as against 398,000 tons in the same month in 1897. Canada as usual took 342,000 tons, Mexico increased 4,000 tons, West Indies about 4,200 tons, there was a cargo of 2,198 tons to Brazil, other South American countries 11,000 tons, Oceania (for our fleet), 5,500 tons, other countries, such as the Verdes, South Africa, etc., 7,200 tons.

In an interview at Zanesville, President Tom L. Lewis, of the Ohio Federation of Labor, said he anticipated a warm time at the joint convention at Pittsburg, January 18, but that he did not expect a strike. He said the miners are in better condition this year than they were last year, and that the organization is stronger. Nine states will be represented this year, four of the Southern states coming into the organization. Mr. Lewis intimated that they expected fully as high a rate for mining as they received this year. They will also insist upon the mine-run system.

All the delegates who attended the Massillon convention of miners have made their reports by this time, though some of them did not do so until last week. Many of them offered as their report the account of the meeting printed in this paper. "It was the only complete report published," said Vice President Myrick Evans, of the local miners' organization, Saturday evening.

HUNDREDS OF CARS.

They are Required Weekly at the Massillon Mines.

The operators of the Massillon district have experienced difficulty at various times in securing the requisite number of empty cars from the railroad companies. This occurs, unfortunately, when cars are most needed, and although every effort is made by the railways to supply the demands, they are not always wholly successful. This is due to fluctuations in traffic, which cannot at all times be foreseen, and is not occasioned, as some believe, by a practice on the part of railway companies to supply their own mines regardless of requests from others. It is not the short lines alone that are affected, but the larger systems are as often handicapped by like predicaments.

Only those who are familiar with the business have any idea of the number of cars required by the Massillon mines when in operation. The latter number about twenty-five, of which the Howells No. 1 and No. 2, Pocock, Western Ohio and Minglewood mines are located on the W. & L. E. railway, and Camp Creek, Stanwood, Woodland, Elm Run, Nos. 3 and 4 Eureka, Herbrook, Mudbrook, Drake and Crystal Spring border on the C. & L. & W. During the weeks of January 12th, 351 cars were delivered at the mines on the W. & L. E. railway named above and the total output was 10,340 tons. The C. & L. & W. Company delivered approximately 250 cars to the Massillon mines it reaches during the same period, and nearly 7,000 tons of coal were loaded. This district is but one of the numerous places the two companies supply with cars. The largest output of the week at any one mine was 1,163 tons and is credited to the Pocock mine.

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of waste matter. De Witt's Little Early Risers will remove the trouble and cure sick headache, biliousness, inactive liver and clear the complexion. Small, sugar coated, don't gripe or cause nausea. Rider & Snyder.

A VERY BAD LOT.

A Salvation Army Captain's Idea of People in Massillon.

HARDENED IN THEIR SIN.

The Evil One's Firm Hold on Humanity Discussed by Women—What the Churches Fail to Do—Facts About Backsliding.

Captain Lillian Stephenson has been in the United States just long enough to be convinced that it is the wickedest place in the world, and she has been in Massillon just long enough to be convinced that this is one of its wickedest corners. "Massillon people, somehow or other," said Captain Stephenson, the other day, "don't seem to have much desire to turn from their evil ways. They seem to be hardened in their sin. We sometimes succeed in arousing great interest in our meetings and our hearts are filled with hope, which, alas, is dashed away with the arrival of the hour which should see the mourners' bench crowded. We see all about us great numbers of serious faces—faces which betoken the tumult within between the desire for the better life and the love of the world—but the Evil One invariably triumphs."

Captain Stephenson speaks from a month's experience as the leader of the local Salvation Army corps. She has been in this country a year and a half. "Now in England," continued she, "it is not this way. In Christianity Americans cannot be compared with their English cousins. Over there they don't have all this rush and hurry, and they have more time to think of their salvation. Consequently they are a better people. In Cleveland, even, it is not such hard work to save souls, but Massillon—it would discourage almost anybody."

"But the whole world appears to be growing worse, instead of better, so perhaps it is a natural condition. And it cannot long continue this way; the end is near. The perilous times prophesied in the Bible are here. Men are lovers of their own selves; all are covetous, envious. Soon a mighty hand shall be uplifted, and the world shall be no more. The wicked will be hurled into everlasting punishment, while the good will ascend to land of perpetual bliss. I expect to see the day."

Captain Stephenson holds to the belief that nobody who is really converted ever becomes a backslider. "With the love of the Lord in your heart," she says, "you can never fall back. If you backslide, it is because you have not got the genuine article." And all of Captain Stephenson's opinions are shared by Lieutenant Lulu Vest, who has been in Massillon for a little more than two months. Both officers declare that much that is deplorable in the situation is due to the failure of the churches everywhere to act well their part.

AN INTERESTING FIND.

Knives Used by Morgan Raiders in the Ohio Penitentiary.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.] COLUMBUS, Dec. 25.—The officials of the penitentiary today succeeded in finding the knife probably secreted by Thomas W. Bullitt, of Louisville, Ky., one of Morgan's raiders, imprisoned in the famous Confederate was in prison during the Civil war, and who was one of the number who escaped from the prison. Bullitt recently told how and where he secreted a knife, and expressed the belief that it was still in the place where he put it years ago. He said the knife was one of fourteen which the prisoners of war made, and which were hidden when the fact of their possession was exposed. The place of concealment was in the air shaft used as a ventilator, and after persistent search it was found at the bottom, where it dropped sometime since the raiders left the prison. It is rust eaten and the handle of wood is nearly rotted away. A second knife was also found in the tunnel. The discovery is especially interesting since it settles a much mooted point—the means of escape of the prisoners. Most of the prison officials believe the first knife is the one described by Bullitt, and if that be true it proves beyond a question that the Morgan raiders made their escape, as has always been claimed, by the tunnel route, and not by the aid or connivance of any of the prison officials. This point is given emphasis, too, by the fact stated by Bullitt, that the raiders took no stock in Warden Marion and disliked him, but he is anxious that the truth should be known for the sake of history, and in order to relieve the warden's memory of any odium which might attach to it by reason of the escape of General Morgan and his six companions.

A SWORD FOR BOYNTON.

Citizens of Chattanooga Show Their Appreciation of his Services.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—A thousand dollar gold and silver mounted sword, made here and sent by express from here to Chattanooga today, will be presented to General H. V. Boynton as a Christmas gift of the citizens of that city, in testimony of their high appreciation of his late services at Camp Thomas.

A CELEBRATED CASE.

Decision Rendered by State Superintendent of Schools.

[By Associated Press to The Independent] ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 25.—The state superintendent of public instruction, Chas. A. Skinner, has given a decision in the celebrated case of Edward Keyser, who appealed from the action of the board of education of Poughkeepsie in leasing for school purposes two buildings owned by St. Peter's Roman Catholic church, and the employing as teachers of two Sisters of Charity, who dress in the garb peculiar to their religious sect, and were addressed in school by their christian name prefixed by the term "sister." Superintendent Skinner's decision is the same as that of Superintendent Draper, rendered in March, 1887, that the wearing of a religious garb by teachers constituted sectarian influence, which ought not to be persisted in, and the same may be said of the language in which such teachers were addressed. Superintendent Skinner says:

"I decide that the action of the respondents herein in hiring rooms and buildings in which to conduct any schools in said city, and in continuing to lease buildings rented by a former board, and in conducting schools there is beyond the emergency contemplated by the statute, and is without legal authority on the part of the respondents. I also decide it the duty of the respondents to require teachers employed by them to discontinue in a public school room the use of a distinguishing dress or garb of any religious order. This decision must be filed with the clerk of the board of education of the city of Poughkeepsie and notice thereof be by him given to the appellants and the respondents have opportunity to examine same."

GRAND PARADE IN HAVANA.

Eight American Regiments will be in Line Jan. 1.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

HAVANA, Dec. 25.—The parade of the first American troops in this city will be held January 1, the date fixed for turning over the control of the island to the United States evacuation commission. Major General Lee has been directed to make proper disposition of the eight regiments now here, including today's arrivals, and altogether it is expected the display will be very imposing. The Forty-ninth Ohio pitched its tents today at Quemado's camp in two hours, the best time made by any regiment yet.

The military postoffice has been overloaded all the week with parcels for soldiers.

Major General Ludlow has recommended the appointment of six army officers to assist Colonel Moulton, of the second Illinois, as inspector of police.

ROBERT LEGG WON.

Result of the West Brookfield Shooting Match.

A throng of people witnessed the shooting match at West Brookfield, yesterday afternoon, between Robert Legg, of Beech Grove, and Charles Kraft, of the former village. Clay birds were used as targets, and in a fifteen-bird race Legg won, breaking seven. Kraft scored six. The shooting of both men was exceedingly poor. A sweepstakes shoot followed. Five birds were thrown and Ray L. Markel of Massillon, secured first money, breaking straight. P. McCarty won second place by scoring four birds. There were nine entries. Darkness prevented further shooting, and the sportsmen retired to Bessler's place, where a roast pig was served for lunch.

HE BECOMES UNCONSCIOUS.

Michael Conner Becomes Ill Very Suddenly.

Michael Conner, a porter at the Hotel Conrad, was feeling sick when he entered a restaurant between eleven and twelve o'clock. He ate some pumpkin pie, and a minute later became unconscious. Alex Simms, a fellow-porter, removed him to his lodgings, and he quickly rallied. The pie did not do it, for the others who ate of it felt no ill effects. Something which he had taken into his stomach previously was responsible.

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE

A Kansas Man Guilty of Murdering His Father.

[By Associated Press to The Independent] TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of John Collins, on trial on a charge of murdering his father, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree.

Soothing, healing, cleansing, De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is the implacable enemy of sores, burns and wounds. It never fails to cure piles. You may rely upon it. Rider & Snyder.

There is a Class of People

who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called Grain-o, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 25¢ as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15¢ and 25¢ cts. per package. Try it. Ask for Grain-o.

When you ask for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of Piles being cured by this, than all others combined. Rider & Snyder.

NEW ASSOCIATION.

All About It and Other Matters Interesting to Railroaders.

WEHRELEY ON THE RAIL.

Life of the Cartoonist—Did Not Suit Him—A Former Railroad Auditor Selling Meat Now—An Engineer's Story.

Organizer Wright, of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, is now working in this part of the state, and there is a possibility that he may soon come to Massillon. The fourteen telegraphers employed in the local offices of the three railway companies are divided on the subject of unionism, but it is thought that all or most of them will join this association if a branch is instituted here. But whether or not this comes to pass, an effort will be made in this city to organize a telegraphers' club, the membership to include all local knights of the key, who altogether number about thirty. If the plan is generally accepted, centrally located rooms will be leased and comfortably furnished, thus providing for the operators a place where they can meet to discuss matters pertaining to the telegraphic art or to read good books and papers on the subject.

Frank Wehrey, a former W. & L. E. employe of this city, is no longer connected with the Cleveland "Press," with which paper he held a position as cartoonist for some time after leaving Massillon. He is railroading in the northern part of the state at present.

Frank Miller, a son of Warehouseman F. L. Miller, of the local Pennsylvania force, is now a traveling salesman for Armour & Company, of Chicago. For years after leaving Massillon he was auditor for the New York & Hartford Railway Company.

Brakeman William Rodenberger, of the W. & L. E., is still off duty, and will probably not be able to return until the latter part of this week. He has been suffering for more than a month with a catarrhal soreness in one of his hands.

Station Agent J. A. Shoemaker, of the Pennsylvania Company, has quite recovered, being now able to spend both night and day at his post and to walk home when he has finished his work. For a number of weeks it was necessary for him to ride to and from the office in a carriage.

An impromptu gathering of railroaders had waded through a "head-on" and a "broke-in-two," and a night operator had just remarked that it was an easy matter for him to keep awake at his post, the other evening, when an old Pennsylvania engineer came in for a word. "I ain't sayin' anything about this sleepin' business," said he, "but the wakefulest operator on this pike now used to be a corker for snoozin'. Many a night my train was brought to a stop because he was asleep and couldn't give me the signals. But I haven't had any trouble since the night I got word in Massillon from the dispatcher that this laddie was at it again, and that I should wake him up. I ran my engine right under the tower, with the whistle about a foot from the window, and then I let them go. That screech almost set me crazy and you should have seen what it did to the boy above. He jumped a yard, about half awake and scared to death, and strikes out all around for the lever to throw the semaphore. He grabs the stovepipe, pulls it to pieces, half upsets the stove and I guess he'd have torn a board or two out of the shanty if I hadn't given her another tool that brought him back to this world. But when I got upstairs he still had the stovepipe in his arms and was trying hard to put out a fire that was like to burn down the place. We all turned in and helped, and now that man is about the best along the line."

Lawrence Baldwin, warehouseman at the C. & L. & W. freight station, will be assisted by Thomas Morgan this week. Mr. Baldwin's duties will be greatly increased for this length of time, as he will be obliged to work in the office during the absence of one of the clerks.

Conductor J. B. Smith, of the Pennsylvania, has returned to work, after an illness of more than a week.

Cleveland Segner was called to Alliance Saturday to take temporary charge of one of the crews of the Pennsylvania. Charles Keller, a Pennsylvania freight brakeman, fell from his train, east of Massillon, Saturday, and sustained painful injuries to his arms and legs. He was brought to Massillon, and Dr. Hardy was called. Mr. Keller was unable to go out with his train. Later he was removed to Crestline.

Frank Lynch's C. & L. & W. engine, No. 25, has been sent to Lorain to be repaired.

The local stations were crowded with passengers going and coming Saturday evening, all anxious to take advantage of the special rates.

MORE TROOPS FOR CUBA.

They Will Sail From Charleston Early This Week.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 25.—The two largest United States transports, the Minnewaska and Manitoba, are expected in Charleston harbor Monday. At least 2,500 men will sail on them for Cuba, including Generals Bates and Sanger and the Sixth Ohio.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

Mrs. C. Davis has moved to St. Charles, Mich.

The public schools will re-open on Tuesday, January 3.

Charles Limback, of Cleveland, is visiting his parents in the city.

Edward Yost, of Cleveland, is the guest of his parents in Oak street.

A Farmers' telephone, No. 125, has been placed in Hackett's furniture store.

Leo Willenborg has returned from his school in Philadelphia, to spend the holidays.

A Farmers' telephone has been placed in the residence of Francis Strobel in Jarvis avenue, No. 39.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Huwig, of North Lawrence, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Morgan.

Frank Hastings left yesterday for Iowa City, his former home, where he will spend several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild, of Cleveland, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lichtenwalter, in Plum street.

Mrs. Irad Struble, of Chesterville, O., is a guest at the W. D. Benedict residence in North East street.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Chapman, of Steubenville, are guests at the Corns residence in Prospect street.

Ezra Gesaman, living west of the city, who has been very ill, is again able to be out and attend to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bell, of Cleveland, are the guests of Mrs. Bell's father, Philip Hess, in South Erie street.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Stansbury, of Cleveland, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Davis in West Main street.

Jacob Sonnhalter returned from Mobile, Ala., on Wednesday night. He was accompanied by Henry Bowers, of East Greenville.

Farmers of Marlboro township have raised \$2,000 and secured the right of way for the electric road to be built from Alliance to Akron.

Jedina is suffering from an epidemic of measles, forty or fifty cases having been reported. Men and women sixty years of age are included in the list of victims.

The people of Leetonia will this year furnish the Christmas treat for the children at the Fairmount home, and are working zealously to make it excel all previous ones.

The property of the Akron Street Railway & Illuminating Company will be offered for sale at public auction in the local office of the corporation on Saturday, January 28.

The firemen were called to the State street residence of John Swihart, at 10 o'clock Saturday night, to extinguish a small blaze on the roof, produced by a spark from the chimney.

General Sam Thomas, the head of the Akron Street Railway and Illuminating Company, will probably succeed the late Calvin S. Beice as president of the Lake Erie & Western railroad.

Beach City is to have a bank which will be capitalized at \$40,000. Charles Beck and several other citizens of wealth are back of the venture and arrangements are about completed.

Reuben A. Bair, of Strasburg, O., and Miss Mary E. Roush, of Bolivar, were married at the residence of the officiating clergyman, the Rev. D. G. Davidson, at Navarre, Thursday, December 22.

E. L. Royer, the South Erie street saloonkeeper, is confined to his home with a broken leg, sustained by a fall in his place of business. The saloon is now in the charge of Alex Griffith and John Melvin.

Arrangements have been completed for the Canton annual poultry show, which will be held January 3-6. Over 1,000 chickens will be exhibited, and a large number of ducks, geese, turkeys, pheasants, etc.

The Alliance Review says that Harry Len, of this city, a former member of Company K, Eighth Ohio, now in the regular army, has been detailed to take charge of a recruiting station at Youngstown.

Charles W. Gans and Benjamin A. Gans, sons of Dr. A. H. Gans, of Navarre, are home from the Kenyon military academy, Gambier, and are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Menezes, in East Main street.

Trustees of Mt. Union college at Alliance, whose terms had expired, were re-elected at the meeting of the board on Wednesday. The president of the new executive board is Lewis Miller, of Akron.

Local physicians have lost an exceedingly small percentage of the many cases of diphtheria treated this winter compared with the death rates in other cities. Dr. Hattery has attended thirteen severe cases without a fatality.

William Hansen, the W. & L. E. Company's agent at Massillon, sold over one hundred tickets to points along the line on Saturday. Mr. Hansen says passenger traffic has been better for several weeks than it has been for years.

The Augusta Victoria which sailed from New York on Saturday, December 10, with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McClymonds and family on board, reached Naples on Wednesday, December 21. The steamer was two days over-due.

The Evangelical Alliance, composed of all the Evangelical ministers in Akron, decided yesterday to commence immediately after the holidays a crusade against the saloon, and particularly against those which have been in the habit of keeping open on Sunday.

The tax inquisitor of Mahoning county has filed his report, showing that from September 1 to December 1 he found \$470,189 of taxable personal property on which the owners had not been paying

taxes, and the amount had been placed on the tax duplicate.

Edmund Richards, a former Massillonian, who is now studying for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary, in Cincinnati, is the guest of his grandfather, John Paul. Mr. Richards will be ordained next June.

William B. Gamble, postmaster of Akron, under Harrison's administration, has been appointed to the postal service to be established in Cuba, and will leave for Havana next week with Major E. G. Rathbone, the newly-appointed director.

The farmers of New Berlin and vicinity will hold their annual institute, under the auspices of the Ohio state board of agriculture, in Sponseller's hall, on Friday and Saturday, December 30-31. Prominent agriculturalists will deliver addresses on important subjects.

THE INDEPENDENT filled its newsboys' pockets with sweetmeats Saturday afternoon, and then took them all to C. M. Whitman's clothing store and presented each boy with the article of wearing apparel he most desired. Most of them chose caps.

M. Neal, the Canal street miller, is this week loading the last of the 4,000 sacks of flour ordered by customers in Liverpool and Glasgow. Mr. Neal has in sight two more big orders, one for 3,000 sacks for Liverpool, and the other for 2,000 for Hamburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Grapewine, who are now filling an engagement in Chicago, will travel next season with Annie Hart's "Rough Riders." Charles Grapewine is a son of Joseph Grapewine, of Massillon, and is a German comedian of exceptional ability.

J. J. Altland ordered and paid for a sack of flour at F. C. Sibila's grocery a week ago. When he arrived home he found no flour in his carriage. It must have been placed in some other vehicle by mistake. The man who got it has not yet made himself known.

Hereafter pensioners may get their vouchers cashed at any postoffice. The postoffice department at Washington has made arrangements whereby postmasters all over the country may cash pension vouchers, using the cash in the money order fund for so doing. This will be advantageous to pensioners living in districts where there are no banks.

The fifteenth annual session of the Ohio State Association of Schools will be held in Columbus Dec. 28th and 29th. The holiday session of the State Association of Township Superintendents will be held there Dec. 27th and 28th, and the eighth annual meeting of the Ohio State Academy of Science will occur in the same place on Dec. 29th and 30th.

Ohio teachers will hold their annual session at Columbus during holiday week. The meetings will be held in the assembly hall of the Great Southern Hotel on December 27 and 28. During the two days they are to be in session there will be general discussions of subjects bearing on the proper inspection and classification of the rural schools. One of the most urgent educational problems in Ohio.

Anyone who may be interested in the subject and teaching of Christian Science will find the McClymonds' public library rich in its resources. The Christian Science text book, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by the Rev. Mary Baker G. Eddy, and "Miscellaneous Writings, 1838-1896," by the same author, are on the shelves, besides the Christian Science Journal, a monthly magazine, and the Christian Science Weekly.

Charles Heyman, of Massillon, will play ball next season with the Youngstown team of the Inter-state League. The league secretary, Mr. Hollowell, has received notice to that effect. President Young states that the arbitration board could not find evidence showing that the Bridgeport, Conn., club had any tangible claim to Heyman. The latter signed with Bridgeport last season, but on arriving there, found matters not as represented and returned home. Heyman is an excellent pitcher and his services will be sadly missed by the local team.

The weather of the past week has enabled the East Ohio Gas Company to push work to a better advantage on the main line. With the ground frozen slow progress was made, even though an army of men is engaged. Forces are working both south and northward and under the present conditions a junction will be made in a few weeks. A representative of the company stated today that they may now be able to supply gas to Canton and Massillon by February 1. Both cities have already been connected with the main line.

Harmon Rockthro, charged with fast and reckless driving, was fined \$5 and costs by Mayor Wise Wednesday afternoon. He was also obliged to pay \$4 to Andrew Lohn, of Richville, whose buggy he damaged to that extent. Rockthro, who drives a coal wagon, was hurrying his team of mules down Erie street Wednesday afternoon. He did not stop when he struck Mr. Lohn's buggy and tore a wheel off. Policeman Getz borrowed S. Burd's horse and carriage and gave chase. He caught his man several miles west of town, near the Bender farm, and made him return to Massillon.

The December meeting of the Stark County Horticultural Society was held on Wednesday afternoon at the residence of John McGregor, in North Walnut street, Canton. There was a fair attendance, and an interesting programme. The following officers were elected to serve during the coming year: John Hayhurst, president; S. O. Eggert, vice president; Mrs. Margaret Rockhill, secretary; W. H. Shanfelt, treasurer. Clayton Holl, Daniel Beiffmeyer and C. W. Faust are members of the executive committee. The next meeting will be held January 3, 1899, at No. 1315 North Market street, Canton.

Now is the time to subscribe.

BRITAIN ALARMED.

Expansion of American Trade is Given as the Reason.

DICTATING MONEY RATES.

American Iron and Steel Manufacturers Open Offices in London, and Uniformly Underbid Their English Competitors.

(By Associated Press to The Independent.)

LONDON, Dec. 24.—It is no exaggeration to assert that the foremost topic in Europe, overwhelming domestic politics, is the remarkable aggressive prosperity which the United States is manifesting. Hardly a newspaper review or public speaker failed to notice with what grand strides America is coming into first place in the alignment of great powers. It has certainly been the chief conversation in Lombard street and on the continental bourses.

The manager of one of the great London banks recently drew an American business man into his private office and said in awe-struck tones: "This is the first time in the history of finance that New York has been in a position to dictate money rates to London, Paris and Berlin." The bank manager added that London's purchases of American securities were but a featherweight compared with the balance of trade in New York's favor.

James Bryce, in a speech before the Leicester chamber of commerce, sounded a warning to British manufacturers. He said that the exports of the United States and Germany had increased thirty-four million pounds and fourteen million pounds, respectively, between 1891 and 1897, while Great Britain's exports decreased fifteen million pounds. He held that the business of the United States was developing along many important lines which Great Britain should hold against all competitors.

Bryce asserted that the Americans could produce steel rails cheaper than England, and saw no possibility of opening new markets to British manufacturers except in China. The iron markets have been captured by American firms, who are uniformly successful in bidding against English firms. Carnegie & Company and the Illinois Steel Company have opened extensive offices in London. The former firm has recently contracted for thirty thousand tons of steel rails for the Coolgardie road in Australia, and was unable, owing to other large orders, to contract for thirty thousand tons more.

The Russian government has ordered eighty thousand tons of American steel rails, and the prospect of American competition in connection with Russia's extensive railway projects alarms the manufacturers here. Consuls assert that all Europe is swarming as never before with agents of American manufacturers of steel, street railways, electrical apparatus, and all kinds of machinery, who are leading a commercial invasion. Financiers say that Russia tried to raise a loan in London, Paris, Berlin and Amsterdam, without success, and has turned to the United States as a forlorn hope.

LIVES LOST IN A FIRE.

A New York Tenement Burns This Morning.

(By Associated Press to The Independent.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Fire broke out in the tenement at 175 Greenwich street at 1 o'clock this morning, resulting in the loss of several lives. Owing to the fact that there was another fire down town, it was about fifteen minutes before the first engine reached the blazing tenement. The fire burned fiercely, causing a panic amongst the tenants. The first body was found shortly before 2 o'clock, that of Mrs. Bannon, who lived with her two sons on the fourth floor.

Two firemen were overcome by smoke, but their places were quickly taken by others. Assistant Foreman Peter Andrews fell from the first story of the fire escape and received serious injuries. The dead will not number more than three, but it is impossible to tell definitely.

NOTES BY WIRE.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The Grand Duchess Xenia, sister of the Czar, has given birth to a son.

PHILADELPHIA.—D. W. Allen, lawyer, adjudged bankrupt on his own application. Liabilities \$200,000.

MINNEAPOLIS.—The Times will today announce a raise in the price of its daily edition from one to two cents.

MADRID.—Latest bulletin on Saturday reports Sagasta's condition unchanged.

CHICAGO.—Harry Forbes was given the decision in the ninth round over Sprague, of Streator. Forbes outclassed his opponent.

NORFOLK.—Two captured Spanish gunboats have been brought here to be refitted.

MRS. JOHNSON ACQUITTED.

Innocent of Poisoning Her Fifth Husband.

(By Associated Press to The Independent.)

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 25.—The trial of Mrs. Lulu Johnson, at Pond Creek, charged with the murder of her husband by poisoning, ended today in a verdict of not guilty. Johnson was the woman's fifth husband. One of her former husbands died at Atchison, Kan., under circumstances which caused much talk.

The expatriations of the Russian scientist Andrussov have established a very curious fact. The Black sea, which in some parts has a depth of more than 6,500 feet, is poisoned by sulphureted hydrogen wherever the water is deeper than 1,200 feet. This accounts for the curious fact that there is no organic life below that depth, excepting perhaps some bacteria of very low order, impregnated with sulphur.

The causes for this phenomenon are explained by the quick outflow of the fresh water through the Bosphorus, while salt water coming from the Mediterranean enters through a deeper current into the depths of the Black sea.

The waters on the surface are, therefore, controlled absolutely by horizontal currents of considerable force, and vertical currents which might carry the noxious gases from the bottom to the surface and fresh oxygen from the surface to the bottom are hardly ever noticeable. The water at great depths is now so saturated with sulphuric gas, by the disintegration of organic matter sinking to the bottom by reason of its weight that no fish or other living being which needs oxygen for its organic system can exist beyond a stated depth. —Philadelphia Record.

As a rule, when hens have suitable food they don't eat their own eggs.

To preserve eggs from being eaten under exceptional conditions there are a number of devices. There is, for instance, a nest with a bottom of woven wire with a mesh big enough to let an egg through. The egg goes through the this layer of wire with which the nest is lined and through the wide meshed bottom to fall safely in a bed of hay underneath.

Another device is automatic and set in operation by the chicken itself when it steps off the nest. Thus relieved of the chicken's weight, the nest tilts up enough to roll the egg off into a place of safety made for its reception.

Chickens are commonly carried on deep water ships on long voyages to supply eggs for the captain's table and occasionally a fowl. Chickens at sea are more likely to eat their own eggs than they are ashore. To prevent this among the chickens carried on his vessel the captain of an American ship rigged a contrivance that answered the purpose and was adapted to the situation. He attached to the underside of the nest a shroud by which the egg when laid was carried safely down to a box below.

New York Sun

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The results attained right here at home have been marvelous. Hundreds of your neighbors who have used Wright's Celery Capsules are now well. They cure kidney liver and stomach trouble, constipation and sick headaches. Why pay \$1 every two weeks for a bottle of medicine when you can get treatment at one cent a day, Wright's Celery Capsules give 100 days' treatment for \$1. Easy to take, no bad taste, do not gripe, backed by a bank, to cure you, or refund your money. Sold by all druggists.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for a home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early River, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. Rider & Snyder.

Many People Cannot Drink coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate, it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous persons, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of coffee. 35 and 25c.

Overcome evil with good. Overcome your coughs and colds with One Minute Cough Cure. It is so good children cry for it. It cures croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, la grippe and all throat and lung diseases. Rider & Snyder.

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The Massillon Market.

The following prices are paid by Massillon merchants today:

GRAIN, HAY AND STRAW.

Wheat..... 67-68

Hay, per ton..... 6 00 to 7 00

Straw, per ton..... 4 50

Corn..... 30

Oats..... 25

Clover Seed..... 3 50

Timothy Seed..... 1 10 to 1 15

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, per bushel..... 35

Onions, per bushel..... 50

Beets, per bushel..... 40

Apples..... 1 00

Cabbage, per dozen..... 40

BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY.

Butter..... 18

Eggs..... 22

Chickens, live..... 06

Chickens, dressed..... 09

Turkeys, live..... 08

Turkeys, dressed..... 11

MEATS.

Sausage..... 07

Spare Ribs..... 05

Backbone..... 05

Ham..... 09

Shoulder..... 05

Lard..... 05 1/2

TOLDO, Dec. 24.—[By Associated Press]—Wheat 70 1/2.

DALTON, Dec. 24.—Wheat, 66-67.

BRACH CITY, Dec. 24.—Wheat, 60-66.

IT'S ALL TALK. OVERFLOWING

Yes, But It's Massillon Talk the Kind that Tells in Massillon.

Talk that tells. Talk that's endorsed. Every day talk by people that know. City talk—kidney talk. Do kidneys talk? Well yes, both loud and long. You should learn the kidney language. Backache in kidney talk means kidney ache.

Lame back means lame kidneys. Weak back means weak kidneys. A bad back is simply The kidneys talking trouble.

Here's Massillon talk and kidney talk.

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HOUSE—Five roomed house at 45 Water street. Inquire at 119 West Main street.

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